

1. (Twice Amended) An intraluminal device for shaping a collapsed viscus, the device comprising:

an elongated body member, the elongated body member having at least three independent inflatable sections along the length of the body member, wherein the independent inflatable sections are axially spaced along the body member and each inflatable section is axially fixed relative to the remainder of the axially spaced inflatable sections, and wherein each inflatable section is designed to give shape to a collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the inflated section is in the inflated condition;

at least one tube positioned between adjacent inflatable sections, wherein each adjacent inflatable section extends around the entire circumference of the body, and wherein the tube extends from a peripheral portion of the device between adjacent inflatable sections to a distal end of the body member, wherein the tube is adapted to be selectively attached to a suction source or a fluid supply source; and

a means for independently inflating each individual inflatable section to give shape to a collapsed viscus by acquiring its distended form when the inflated section is in the inflated condition.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11-13 are presently pending in this application. The Examiner has now cited a third new primary reference in his rejection of the claims in the present application. Additionally, the Office Action of August 15, 2001 indicated that the subject matter of claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, and 11-13 were allowable. In the course of the prosecution from the parent case through the continuing application, the scope of the claims has not been broadened, but rather has become narrowed in scope. The most applicable art should be applied from the beginning. The constant switching of primary references places an undue burden on the Applicant. In each instance, the Applicant believes that the claimed invention is not fairly taught or suggested by this prior art and added amendments merely to clarify the existing distinctions.